





THEY ARE NOW THE FAVORITE DOGS  
AND QUITE FASHIONABLE.

### Some Characteristics of the Clever Animal—Description of a Good Specimen of the Breed—A Terrier who Ate Spoils of Man

Every dog has his day, and the fashionable dog of just this present day is unquestionably the fox-terrier.

The great charm of a fox-horrier is that he never can tell what he is going to do next. It is always the unexpected you may be sure. A person who is certain of that is a stable hand for sports or a third man an article of dirt. He would swallow them whole, and his digestion did not seem to be impaired in the least by it. Upon one occasion the thread had become partially unwound before the spool was swallowed, and when the dog was discovered at the end of the thread he was found to be either too bold or the end, and having no difficulty in reeling the thread out, leaving the dog only the empty spool. The operation was not followed by any disastrous results, but the terror looked as if he had been cheated of something, and did not wag his stumpy tail vigorously.



AUGUST BELMONT JR.'S, "LADYFER".

A walk with a foul-tempered as a companion can never be really without incident. There will be useless a great amount of care is exercised, at least one fight, and if the owner likes, he can without violent exertion promote a seizure. Whether the dog's antagonism be a mastiff or a tiny toy terrier, it is much the same to him; his disposition being much like that of the Irishman who said, "I'm a right good fellow, but my little dog to inquire its meaning and to say that 'if there was going to be a row rather wanted to be in it.'" Severe lessons and lavation seem to be entirely without effect, and the terrier is sure to go a second time at the bulk dog who has all but converted him into

Like all old and adventurous spirits, Fort-terrier dived into roaming, and one who left to himself, would not occasionally go off on a prolonged exploring expedition without an exception. Like most prodigals there was a time when he had no home at all; but now, on returning, task to see encountered a good flexible cane instead of the fallen calf. A most confirmed prodigal is a certain Judah, the property of the son of the late John Forsyth, of New York. He has been seen here, he has been seen elsewhere, and remaining "to memory dear" two or three weeks at a time. Upon one occasion his hair was scalded off for the most part, and another time he returned with two broken horns, which he carried off as trophies. And upon a more recent one was run over by a railway train, his tail being completely cut off and his skull fractured. Though the indentation in his skull is still plainly visible, yet he seems to have recovered from it, for he is still able to get about and to make the sale in his immediate neighborhood.



clinity with they had never been born. The fox-terrier used for sporting purposes is not a coursing, to accompany the fox-hounds or fox-bagdog drawing—there are hundreds of fox-pits made. But in spite of this fact owners are alike desirous that their property shall in every point conform to the sporting requirements. It is almost if not quite as bad to have an ill-bred dog as to be ill-bred yourself, and a man accompanied by an under-bred dog certainly appears to his disadvantage. A baronet's personal appearance, then, being what it may, much lineage on his own account, be natural or not, did not properly estimate its value in purchasing the dog.

## HOW TO TELL A GOOD DOG..

Head.—The skull should be flat and moderately narrow; broader between the ears and gradually decreasing in width to the eyes. The snout should be straight, and the distance between the forebowl and tip of jaw is seen in a greyhound. The ears should be V-shaped, and the points should be thickened, and should hang forward close to the cheeks. They should not be like those of a foxhound. The jaw should be strong and muscular, not too long, and the teeth should be small and of varying length but not so in any way to resemble the greyhound's or modern English terrier's. There should not be much falling away from the lower jaw, but the lower jaw should, however, be moderately chiselled out, so as not to go down in a straight slope like a wedge. The nose, toward which the muzzle tapers, should be straight, and the nostrils of the eyes should be dark-rimmed, small, rather deep-set, and full of life and fire. The teeth

**Neck.**—The neck should be clean and muscular, without "throatiness," of fair length and gradually widening to the shoulders.

**Shoulders.**—The shoulders should be fine at the points, long and sloping. The chest deep and not broad.

**Back**—The back should be short, straight and strong, with no appearance of slackness behind the shoulders; the loin broad, powerful and only slightly arched. The dog should be well ribbed up, with deep back ribs, and should not be flat-sided.

**Tail** (technically "stern")—The "stern" should be set on rather high and carried gayly, but not over the back or curled. It should be of moderate size and strong.

**Legs**—The legs, viewed from any direction, must be straight, and there should be little appearance of ankle in front. They should be large in bone throughout, the elbows working freely just clear of the sides. Both fore and hind legs should be carried straight for-

ward in travelling, the stifles not turning outward. The feet should be round, compact and not too large; the toes moderately arched and turned neither in nor out. There should be no "dew claws" behind.

Coat—The coat should be smooth, but hard, dense and abundant. In color, white should predominate. Brindle red or liver markings are objectionable, other wise this point is of little or no importance.

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